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**Change of Leadership Ceremony:
New Warden to be Installed at
Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup July 27 at 10 a.m.**

Carolyn Atkins Adds Another "First" to Her Impressive Career

TOWSON, MD (July 20, 2007)---In her nearly 20 years in corrections, Carolyn Atkins has broken many a "glass ceiling." She was a member of the first Security Audit Team; the first female ever to be Director of the Intelligence Coordinating Unit; the first correctional officer to receive FBI clearance as a member of the National Major Gang Task Force. On July 27, Ms. Atkins will add another "first" to her impressive resume: she'll be installed as the first female warden of the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup (MCI-J).

Ms. Atkins will be officially installed in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. which will feature Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) Secretary Gary Maynard, Acting Commissioner of Correction J. Michael Stouffer, Regional Division of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Wendell France, and elected and community leaders. Ms. Atkins will take over as warden from Acting Warden Robert Koppel, who on July 24th will become the new warden at nearby Jessup Correctional Institution.

"Carolyn Atkins brings professionalism and a standard of excellence to this job," says Acting Commissioner of Correction J. Michael Stouffer. "Through her years of DOC service, she has prepared herself well for the warden's role by taking advantage of a wide variety of experiences and challenges."

Ms. Atkins holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to her two most recent appointments, as assistant warden at the Metropolitan Transition Center and the Maryland House of Correction, she had been Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Operations for DPSCS.

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